

Greenbelt News Review

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Three-Day Weekend Marked by Return Of Pioneers, Festivities, Nostalgia

by Katherine Keene

The birthyear of the man who signed the enabling legislation to create the planned garden city of Greenbelt and the anniversary of the actual moving in of the first people to live in the newly created town coincide, except that this weekend celebrates the 100th anniversary of the birth of Franklin Delano Roosevelt but only the 45th anniversary for the town. A three-day celebration for both events is scheduled for October 1, 2 and 3. (See Program of Events on page 7.)

The celebration opens at 7 p.m. on Friday with a reception for the First Families in the Municipal Building. This will be hosted by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. So far 75 original Greenbelters have indicated that they will be present.

While the reception is by invitation only, the 45th Anniversary Reunion-Dance, "Twas Only Yesterday," sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions and Lion Belles at 7:30 p.m., is open to all Greenbelt residents and friends. Since what was the original Community Building is now the Center School, the get-together will be in the Center School gymnasium. Music of some of the Big Bands of that era will be featured (on tape) and there will be Jitterbug and Waltz contests. Gerald Gough will be M.C. and Tom Freeman has arranged to have the Associated Press photographs of early Greenbelt sent from A.P. headquarters in New York. Non-dancers are particularly welcomed to meet old friends and hear Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller again.

Walking Tour

The celebration of Greenbelt roots continues on Saturday with a guided walking tour around the original New Deal town led by pioneer Ben Rosenzweig, and Jim Giese and Bill Wilkerson. Like the other members of Founding Families, Rosenzweig will be wearing the special green

"Greenbelt Pioneer" button. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. in front of Suburban Bank.

Also at 10 a.m. and continuing until 4 p.m. the City Council room will be open with an exhibit of original Greenbelt furniture, early pictures, and an opportunity for the early residents to record their recollections of the early days. These will become part of a Collection of Recollections to be included in the city archives.

Saturday Films

At 2 p.m. on Saturday the old Greenbelt Theater will open to feature a special Buck Rogers film, "Planet Outlaws" that was actually shown at the theater in 1938. Admission will be exactly what it was in 1938. This show is primarily for children — any age — but the price alone should make an indelible impression. In addition the audience will see a Bugs Bunny cartoon and other 1938 fare.

At 7:30 p.m. adults will get their chance to slip back to 1938 with an Alfred Hitchcock thriller, "The Lady Vanishes," also shown during the Greenbelt Theater's first year. Prior to the featured film, the audience will see "The City," a half-hour documentary depicting the construction of Greenbelt and scenes of the arrival of the first residents. (See separate article.) Again the admission price will be exactly what it was in 1938. The Greenbelt

Cultural Arts Center and Greenbelt Clergy Association will provide dessert and coffee, again an echo of the spirit of do-it-ourselves and cooperation of the Great Depression.

During Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. the Tugwell Room at the Greenbelt Library will be open with Greenbelt historian and librarian Betty Allen on hand to answer questions. The Tugwell Room contains many documents and photographs related to the construction and early life here.

Sunday

On Sunday, October 3, the celebration will culminate in a program at Greenbelt Lake at 2 p.m. The master of ceremonies will be Sherrod East, a Greenbelt pioneer and member of the first Greenbelt Town Council. The Greenbelt Band will perform some of the songs of the 30's, honored guests and dignitaries will be introduced, and Albert K. Herling will give a short address.

In line with the general theme of 1938, hot dogs, cooked by the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, will be served, one to a person. In the late 30's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visited the United States. Roosevelt entertained them at his Hyde Park home with hot dogs. For this he was roundly criticized by some who felt this a too inelegant fare for royalty, but the royalty assured the Roosevelt that they were very happy to eat genuine American food! In the Depression tradition the food has been donated, the dogs by Co-op, the buns by Giant, the lemonade by Gunner's Mate. In case of rain this event will be held at the Youth Center.

Prudential Shows Plans for Second Building on Golden Triangle Tract

by Bill Rowland

Further steps in planned office and commercial development in Greenbelt were put before the City Council during its regular meeting on Sept. 20. These included the site plan for the second Prudential Insurance Company office building in the Golden Triangle, and a request from Coakley & Williams that the city issue tax-exempt bonds to help the firm pay for roads, sidewalks, and installation of utilities needed for further development within the Maryland Trade Center complex.

The second Prudential building, essentially a duplicate of the first one, will be just to the west of the first building. A three-level, free-standing parking garage is plan-

ned next to the second building. The city's Advisory Planning Board recommended that the site plan be modified to include a buffer strip of pine trees to be planted where the building lot borders on the city's Indian Springs Park, and that an access point to the park be provided on this lot.

Kathleen Moore, Prudential's Investment Manager for Real Estate Operations, told the council that the APB recommendations would be incorporated into the site plan. She said that the firm hopes to start construction of the second building in January, with completion expected to take about 12 months. Moore reported that the first building is now about 60 percent leased, with another 15 percent of the space being negotiated for lease. She told the council that "we're fairly happy" about the first building.

The council agreed to recommend acceptance of the amended site plan by the Maryland-Na-

tional Capital Park & Planning Commission.

MTC Improvement

Coakley & Williams representatives gave the council a preliminary estimate of a bit over 1.3 million dollars needed for road improvements in the Maryland Trade Center area. Attorney Russell Shipley, representing the developers, told the council that a bond issue underwritten by the city would let the firm get the money at a lower interest rate, but would not put the city or its taxpayers in danger of having to repay the money. Council scheduled a work session for Tuesday, October 5, to further discuss the request with the developers.

See PRUDENTIAL, pg. 16, col. 1

RECOLLECTIONS AND REFLECTIONS,
our special pages featuring Greenbelt's Pioneers begins on page 8.

Resolution of County Council Okays North End Transfer

by Mavis Fletcher

The Greenbelt City Council scheduled two items concerning North End School on the agenda of its regular meeting on Sept. 20 and then, on the recommendation of City Manager James K. Giese, postponed action on both topics until after County Council action on the school transfer. On the next day, the County Council took action which, providing certain conditions are met, will result in the acquisition of North End School by the city.

On Sept. 21, the County Council passed a resolution authorizing the transfer of the school to the City of Greenbelt. The transfer must be approved by the Maryland Interagency Committee on Public School Construction and by the Board of Public Works. In addition, the school must be released from a judicial order relating to the school busing court action.

The County Council resolution further stipulates that the City of Greenbelt will have to pay off the remaining bonded indebtedness on the school (\$194,366) if the state reverses its policy of reimbursing the county for payments made to retire such existing indebtedness.

In other actions, the city council accepted an Advisory Planning Board (APB) report which dealt with the preliminary plan for sub-division of Lakeside West. This is a 20-acre portion of Parcel 15 which lies south of the Lake Park and west of Charlestown North apartments. It is bordered on the west by the Beltway. The property is being planned to contain 55 lots.

The APB report recommended that the plan be approved with certain changes. These included shifting of the greenspace land to be dedicated to the city from the area adjacent to the Beltway exit ramp to land closer to the Lake Park, thus providing a greater buffer between the lake and the proposed development. The APB also recommended that Prince James Way, the only street into the subdivision, be widened to avoid parking problems similar to those now experienced on streets such as Lakeside and Hedgewood Drives. Other recommendations related to two 15-foot paths down to the Lake Park and the need for noise reduction measures along the Beltway.

David F. Murray of Ben Dyer Associates, Inc. who was repre-

Navy Band to Play At Eleanor Roosevelt

The United States Navy Band will perform a free concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Wednesday, October 6 at 8 p.m. The public is invited.

Greenbelters Mary Scannell (flute) and Mark Neupert (trumpet) along with eight other members of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Symphonic Band will join the Navy band on stage for the "Happy Heine March."

The program will also include "The Best of Sinatra," an instrumental medley of Frank Sinatra favorites and highlights from "Annie."

WHAT GOES ON

Oct. 1, 2, 3 - Celebration of City's 45th Anniversary and Roosevelt Centennial (see program of events on page 7)

Mon., Oct. 4, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tues., Oct. 5, 8 p.m. City Council Work Session on Coakley Williams and North End School.

sending Reiner, Lerner, Ammerman. Trustees, owners of Parcel 15, stated that he was not aware of any immediate plans to develop the property. The plan was resubmitted at this time because the approved status given to the same plan almost two years ago was about to expire.

Citizen Petitions

Several citizen petitions were introduced for council consideration at the meeting. Eileen Peterson, outgoing Acting President of the Lakeside Citizens Association, sought council support for her appeal for Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission action on a longstanding problem of discolored water in the Lakeside area. Residents of three courts which run off Lakeside Drive have been troubled with brown, bitter water for almost 10 years. WSSC has acknowledged the seriousness of the situation but has been prevented by budgetary restraints from putting a solution into place.

Council members agreed to send a letter to Andrew M. Vislosky, chairman of the WSSC commissioners, expressing their concern and urging that funds be found to undertake remedial action.

Another citizen petition was put forward by a resident requesting action to control noise. See NORTH END, pg. 16, col. 4

High School Requirements Topic of Public Hearing

The Prince Georges County Board of Education has scheduled a public hearing on the recommendations of the High School Program Review Task Force and the additional recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools concerning the revision of the high school instructional requirements. The public hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 4, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Board of Education meeting room in the Supporting Services Building, Upper Marlboro.

Individuals and groups planning to present comments at the hearing are asked to register in advance by telephoning 952-4324 before the day of the hearing. Speakers representing a group will have five minutes of testimony, individuals three minutes. All speakers are urged to present written copies of their statements to ensure a complete record of the hearing.

The task force recommendations are the result of a year-long study by the 27-member High School Program Review Task Force and a further review by Dr. Edward J. Feeney, Superintendent of Schools.

They include these specific areas: graduation requirements, program requirements, curriculum, quality of instruction, weighted grades, departmental chairpersons, and promotion-retention.

A summary of the recommendations will be available for public distribution at all schools and libraries and through the Office of Information Services, Prince Georges County Public Schools, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. The entire text of the recommendations will also be available for review.

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Worthy of Support

Two weeks ago this paper published a review by Rema Boscov of the musical production "Kaleidoscope" that has just ended a run at the Utopia Theatre. "A darn good musical review," she called it. And every word was true. A fast-paced, well-sung, well-acted variety show proved that the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center could live up to its promise of locating and showcasing area talent.

Cliff Smith, originator and director of the show, indicated to our reporter his disappointment with the sparse attendance at this topnotch show and his decision not to try again at this location. We hope he'll reconsider.

With the new film series the Cultural Arts Center is planning, to begin in November, the group has a good chance to build a steady audience of regulars, pleased to find their entertainment here in town. A solid response could mean outside financial support as well, which could result in the chance to mount another show as fine as "Kaleidoscope." Once the word gets out, there ought to be a full house every night.

Parade Thank You

The Labor Day parade was a success this year. It was certainly one of the largest parades ever held in Greenbelt. More importantly, it demonstrated again our civic spirit and a determination to maintain our traditions. Nearly 100 people helped during our brief 30-day planning period before the parade and on Labor Day and we appreciate their dedicated efforts.

Four persons jumped in and took on the job of contacting about 200 persons and organizations, mailing material, answering questions, and obtaining information for the M.C.'s. The coordinators were Murielle Nagl, Linda Lynch, Charles Brown, and Outstanding Citizen Charles Schwan.

Sandra Barnes recruited parade marshals, the people who make sure the units are in place and ready to go on time. The marshals in the assembly areas were Bob Alfaro, Theresa Alfaro, Bob Baker, Sandy Barnes, Janet Cantwell, Theresa Crowley, Barbara Havekost, Jim Heaney, Steve Langone, John Low, Bob Luddy, Tony McCarthy, Hugh McEvoy, Scott Peltin, Bob Sonneveldt, Bob Spear, Bob Vacin, and Dave Wilkinson. The marshals in the reviewing area were Margaret Cahalan, John Gorman, Angelo Marconi, Pat Savage (Coordinator), and Steve Skolnik. Hugh McEvoy and John Low also made sure that signs for the assembly areas were posted, and Jeff Peltin provided last-minute information to the parade marshals and to the M.C.'s.

Following in the path of greatness of so many other famous former pooper scoopers were Paul Baker, Zac Patton, Tony Christy, and Larry Trimble. George Rogala arranged to use the Youth Center for storing trophies. Hank Irving let us enter the Youth Center, to make sure the trophies were correct, at a

time that was inconvenient for him. Antoinette Conrad and Brenda Cooley checked the trophies and "baby-sat" with them during the long wait for the awards ceremony. McDonald's Restaurant provided refreshments for parade participants and helped to serve them, along with members of Boy Scout Troop 1746. Scoutmaster Jim Cooney coordinated the Boy Scout support.

Irv Siegel judged the auto entries. Joy Carroll, Pam and Jim Eaton and Patty Bowen, judges from the Capital Area Majorette Association, reviewed the majorettes, color guards and drum units. Tina Bodaciewirtz is the Association's coordinator for judges. Fann Kash, Polly Nelson and Bill Meister judged all other entries. That irascible Hollywood star Gerry Gough and the witty ingenious Pat Brown provided their outstanding oratorical abilities for service as parade M.C.s.

Sound for the reviewing area was handled by Ken Voigt and his crew of Kathy, Tony, Suzie, and Eloy Fominaya, Gail Neumann, and Steve Hooper. Of course they also provided arrangements for electrical hookups. The Public Works Department built the reviewing stand and the refreshment stand and put them in place. The police department provided control for the traffic flow and general oversight for any possible emergency conditions. Sergeant Coombes coordinated.

The P.G. Wireless handled communications throughout the parade route. Kay Allston is their president and Dave Black was their coordinator for this event.

Finally, we would like to express a very special note of gratitude to all the groups that were in the parade. It was especially heart warming to see so many Greenbelt civic units march. This had been a goal of those managing the parade for

"So Little Sense of History"

To the Editor:

It is most unfortunate that the Greenbelt city council has so little sense of history that it has chosen to merely name a paved area among not particularly well maintained commercial buildings for the person who in the end was responsible for the existence of Greenbelt — Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

But let us be of good cheer. Other communities care more than we do. I have just returned from a trip to France, and saw statues, streets, parks all dedicated to the memory of our president. (Obviously this is what is meant by one being without honor in his own country!) Furthermore, ten years from now, a century from now, we can be assured that these non-Americans will still remember the person who will possibly be regarded as the truly great figure of the Twentieth Century in the United States.

But Greenbelt's city council clearly doesn't think much of Roosevelt.

Katherine Keene

THANKS

To the Editor:

I wish to thank all my friends and supporters who gave of their time, effort, and money to aid me in my quest for the position of Clerk of Circuit Court for Prince George's County.

I decided to seek election to that position after continued urging from friends and, especially, from many employees in the Courthouse who felt there needed to be a change in administration of the above office. Knowing that I would be going against an entrenched slate, I knew it would be a difficult task to win such an election, and I am gratified by the tremendous vote of confidence I received from people throughout the County who believed in me.

I believe that my race has focused some attention on a previously little known office. Any enlightenment of the taxpayers concerning governmental functions is good. Therefore, by your support, you have done a service to the County.

Again, I thank you for your support, and I hope to continue to serve you in the future.

Sarah Ada Koonce
 County Council Member-at-Large

many years. This year when there was no time available to make a special effort to encourage these groups to participate, they came in larger numbers than ever before. We're grateful and hope that they will return for many years.

Also, under the category of special, we would mention the members of the Festival Steering Committee, Deanne Lange, and Ginny Williams, who were more deeply involved in helping with the parade than ever before, because so many crises occurred this year.

That's it until Greenbelt starts organizing for next year's parade (tomorrow?). In the meantime help us watch for bands that might like to march in a parade in a town that has a wonderful sense of community spirit.

So many people work on the parade that we probably have left out someone. If so, please don't get mad. Come back next year and do so many impressive things for the parade that we could never forget you again. You might even want to consider chairing the parade. Then you'd never be left out because your name would be at the bottom of this letter.

Thank you!

David Lange and
 Wayne Williams
 Parade Co-Chairs

At Greenbelt Library

Saturday, October 2: Films in Children's Room. Ages 4-11. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Monday, October 4: Sign Language Course. Ages 10-12. 7-7:45 p.m. Registration required.

Wednesday, October 6: Drop-In Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays through October 27.

Thursday, October 7: Two-Year-Olds Storytime. 11-11:30 a.m. Registration required. Thursdays through October 28.

Exhibits at the library during the month of October include:

Crafts—Margaret Radford and Lucy Marino, Greenbelt.

Fire Prevention—Greenbelt Fire Department; and Oil Paintings—Linda Coty, Greenbelt.

Paint Branch

Unitarian Church

3215 Powder Mill Road

(near Cherry Hill Road)

October 3, 10:45 a.m. "Exploring a New Human Dignity".

Rev. Richard Kelley

School of Religion 10:45

'The light of a good character surpasseth the light of the sun.' — from the Beha'i Sacred Writings

Baha'i Faith

Greenbelt Community
 P.O. Box 245
 Greenbelt, Md. 20770
 474-4090/345-2918

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor

474-1924

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

First and third Sundays

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Second and fourth Sundays

Rev. John G. Bals, Rector

422-8057

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE

"THE JOY OF THE NEW BIRTH"

Lecturer — Barbara-Jean Stinson, C.S.

Tuesday, October 12, 8 p.m.

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474-4212

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Worship Service

Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.)

For bus transportation, call church office 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Crescent & Greenhill Rds.

9:45 a.m.

11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Church

(United Church of Christ)

Hillside and Crescent Roads

Phone 474-6171 mornings

Church School for All Ages -

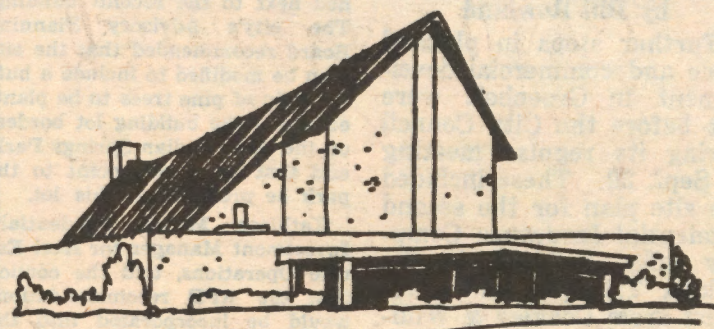
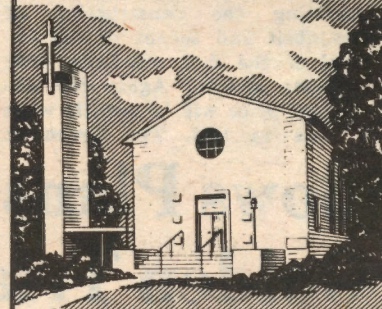
11 a.m. — Sunday Morning Worship and Church School

Nursery provided at

2B Hillside

Rev. Sherry Taylor and

Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Sunday morning nursery at both services

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

Greenbelt Pioneers to Attend High School, City Reunions

by Leta Mach

October 1-3 is old home weekend in Greenbelt. Not only is the FDR Commemoration Committee sponsoring activities for Greenbelt, but also the Greenbelt High School classes of 1938-51 are holding a combined reunion.

Together, the activities are drawing former Greenbelters from many areas of the United States. Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, Texas, California and distant points of Virginia and Maryland will be represented at the Greenbelt High School Reunion. The reunion will begin at 6 p.m., October 2, at the University of Maryland Center for Adult Education.

Almost 500 people have preregistered for the reunion, including former students, spouses, parents, teachers, and the widow of John P. Spiker, principal for several years. Men who attended Greenbelt High but didn't graduate because they joined the service during World War II are also expected at the reunion. The reunion committee has noted that some old chums are coming as a group. "Anyone who comes to the door and is willing to pay can enter," emphasized Joan Reid Neumann, class representative for 1947.

The evening will include dinner, a cash bar, music of the period, corsages for the ladies and favors. Decorations and centerpieces feature the high school colors of green and white. Photographs sure to bring back memories will be displayed.

The reunion covers every class from the first to the last graduating class when the high school became a junior high. Some, but not all, classes have had reunions before. Five boys and one girl graduated in the first class of 1938. All of the individuals have been located, but only the girl is attending. This first class attended Greenbelt Center Elementary School while waiting for the completion of the high school. There was no 1949 graduating class because the county school system added a year of school—the eighth grade. Gloria Shelton Drake, class representative of 1951, reports that the response has been overwhelming. "I think it's going

to be the grandest thing," she gushed.

Many of the people attending the reunion will also attend the activities commemorating the 100th anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's birth. In fact, some are Greenbelt pioneers and will begin the weekend at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) reception for pioneers. GHI reports that people from Georgia, North Carolina, and Arizona will be at the reception.

One question has surfaced during the planning for the reception: "What is a Greenbelt pioneer?" The usual definition is anyone who was the first resident of a house built as part of the planned community of the late 1930's. However, there are purists who insist that Greenbelt pioneers are only those who moved into C Block (between Gardenway and Eastway) where the first homes to be completed are located. Others will say that people who first moved into the defense (frame) homes are also pioneers. Pioneers of the original planned community have been invited to the Friday reception; other events are open to all interested people. Regardless of the amount of time they've been in town, all people who have the Greenbelt pioneering spirit are invited to join the celebration planned by the FDR Commemoration Committee this weekend.

Police Blotter

Compiled by Mavis Fletcher
Sgt. Ernest W. Brumley arrested a non-resident male for the rape of a woman resident. The woman was reportedly raped on the premises of a business in the Beltway Plaza on Sept. 2. The man was incarcerated.

Valuable jewelry was stolen from Marshall's in Beltway Plaza on Sept. 25 at about 2 p.m.

A 1982 Fleetwood was stolen from Capitol Cadillac during the night of Sept. 24/25. The automobile has not been recovered.

PARADE WINNERS

Grand Marshall's Award: Blackthorn Stick Irish Dancers; Best in Parade: U.S. Coast Guard Drill Team & Color Guard; Judges Awards: 1st: Lucky Luciano's Pizzeria; 2nd: Kettering Riding Club; 3rd: Cub Scout Pack 202. Best Individuals: U.S. Coast Guard Drill Instructor; 2nd: Harpist with Blackthorn Stick; 3rd: Bagpiper with Blackthorn Stick. Special Awards: 1st: 1850 Victorian Carriage; 2nd: U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Dahlgren Division; 3rd: Greenbelt Lions Club (bikes & trikes).

Floata 1st: Blackthorn Stick; 2nd: Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 (future collegiate); 3rd: Miss Greenbelt Pageant; 4th: Greenbelt Golden Age Club Musical Units 1st: Berwyn Heights Bravados; 2nd: U.S. Army Band; 3rd: K Company. Civic: 1st: Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Cheerleaders; 2nd: Eleanor Roosevelt High School Cheerleaders; 3rd: Greenbelt Peace Committee; 4th: Greenbelt VFD & Rescue Squad. Comic 1st: Lucky Luciano's Mobsters; 2nd: Markland Medieval Mercenary Militia; 3rd: Becky & Bozo Clowns R Us; 4th: Greenbelt Marching Kazoo Band. Animal 1st: Kettering Riding Club; 2nd: MNCPPC Mounted Park Police; 3rd: Crime Watch Dog. Antique Auto 1st: 1930 Model A Ford (K.B. Over); 2nd: 1931 Ford Pickup Truck (Ray

Spicer); 3rd: 1930 Ford Roadster (Rudy Adler); 4th: Model T Ford Touring Car Rodgers Gore3. Classic Auto 1st: 1931 Packard (Joe Canova); 2nd: 1915 Model T Ford (Helen & Charles Hughart); 3rd: 1953 Ford Panel Truck (Jerry Weese).

Drill Team 1st: U.S. Coast Guard Drill Team; 2nd: The Old Guard, U.S. Army; 3rd: Riverdale Youth Group. Majorettes: -st: K Company; 2nd: Marlboro; 3rd: Allentown Firettes; 4th: Cheverly; 5th: Berwyn Heights Bravados; 6th: Riverdale Youth Club. Tiny Tots 1st: Marlboro; 2nd: Allentown Firettes. Drum Units 1st: K Company; 2nd: Marlboro; 3rd: Allentown Firettes; 4th: Cheverly. Junior Color Guard 1st: Berwyn Heights Bravados; 2nd: Allentown Firettes; 3rd: Cheverly Troopadors; 4th: K Company. Senior Color Guard 1st: U.S. Army Coast Color Guard; 2nd: The Old Guard, U.S. Army. Leader's Medals - Tiny Tots 1st: Marlboro; 2nd: K Company. Juvenile 1st: Marlboro; 2nd: K Company. Junior 1st: K Company; 2nd: Marlboro. Senior 1st: Marlboro; 2nd: K Company Restaurant Race No. 3.

The results of the 1st annual Restaurant Workers Race were: 1st: Eltoritos; 2nd: Jaspers; 3rd: Beefsteak Charlies; 4th: HT McDougals.

The Festival Committee gave the following awards for best decorated booths. 1st: Eleanor Roosevelt Symphony Orchestra "Face Painting"; 2nd: Christmas crafts; 3rd: Aravco Cultural Center.

GHI NOTES

Chairpeople and members have recently been appointed to GHI committees. These revitalized committees, which assist and advise the Board of Directors, have been meeting regularly. Meetings scheduled for Monday, Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. are the Engineering and Maintenance Committee in the Board Room, and the Member and Community Relations Committee in the Lunch Room. GHI members are welcome to attend committee meetings.

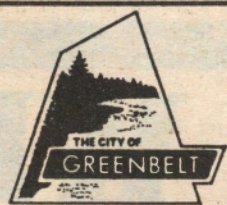
A new-member orientation has been scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room. This is an opportunity for new members to learn more about their cooperative and community.

The last rehab pre-conversion information meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 4, from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Heat and hot water conversion is 95 percent complete. In November, GHI will begin a new series of information meetings — energy management workshops.

Recreation Review

Roller skating

Roller Skating will be held at Greenbelt Center School Gymnasium from 4-6 p.m. on the following days: kindergarten thru 3rd graders will be skating on Wednesdays and 4th thru 6th graders on Fridays. A nominal fee will be charged at the door for skate rental. All skating begins on Wednesday, October 6.



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of
City Council
Monday, October 4,
8:00 P.M.

- I. ORGANIZATION
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Meditation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 4. Minutes of Council Meetings
 5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
- II. COMMUNICATIONS
 6. Petitions and Requests
 7. Administrative Reports
 8. Committee Reports
- III. OLD BUSINESS
 9. A Resolution to Establish Policy and Procedures for the Official Recognition of Employee Organizations and to Declare the Rights of Employees Relating to Matters of Employment — Second Reading
 10. Recognition of Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #32 As an Employee Organization
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 11. Proposed Amendments to City Ethics Law
 12. Capital Improvements and Land Acquisition Needs
 13. Advisory Board Appointments
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Cooperatives Honored in October; It's Right on Time for Greenbelt

by Leta Mach

October is Co-op Month. No one is exactly sure why October is the month chosen to honor co-ops, but perhaps it is because the harvest is coming in and there is time to reflect. Regardless of the reason, October is a good time to honor co-ops in Greenbelt. For it was 45 years ago at this time that the Greenbelt pioneers arrived and immediately started forming co-ops. Cooperatives have remained a strong and distinctive feature of Greenbelt life ever since.

Planning for some of the co-ops actually began before the settlers arrived. Besides building a variety of homes, apartments, schools, roads, underpasses, playgrounds, and a lake, the U.S. Government built a shopping center. The businesses in that shopping center were designed to be cooperatives run by the citizens themselves. The co-ops in those first years eventually included a food store, service station, dry cleaner, drug store, hairdresser, barber shop, shoe repair, variety store, luncheonette, tobacconist and theater.

Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. (GCS) was incorporated before the first residents moved in and began business with a loan from Consumer Distribution Corporation, a cooperative organized by Boston philanthropist Edward A. Filene. The service station opened in the late fall and the food store in December of 1937. By 1939 half of the new town's residents had joined GCS and the first Board of Directors was elected.

The residents also felt the need for other co-ops. The Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association brought out the first issue of the *News Review* (then called the Greenbelt Cooperator) in November 1937. Because there were no banking facilities when they arrived, a group of the pioneers organized the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. The charter for the Credit Union was issued in December 1937.

Other cooperatives serving a range of interests followed through the years. The Greenbelt Baby Sitting Cooperative and Greenbelt Nursery School, Inc., answered the needs of parents with young children. Fourth co-op nursery school to be organized in Maryland, the Greenbelt Nursery School continues to be a strong school with a reputation for excellence. Rapidan Camp is a co-op that provides a campground for families. The Maryland Suburban Memorial Society offers an alternative to traditional funeral services.

Other organizations, while perhaps not co-ops on paper, certainly evidence the cooperative spirit. The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Inc., one of the newest organizations in town, depends upon the active work of its members to bring a wide variety

of entertainment to Greenbelt.

When the U.S. Government decided to sell the "green towns," it was not surprising that the residents of Greenbelt decided to buy their homes in a cooperative endeavor. Thus, in late December 1952, the Federal Government transferred title for the homes to the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation (now Greenbelt Homes Inc.). Soon afterwards another co-op was formed, Twin Pines Savings and Loan, to meet the need for financing resales of the cooperative's homes.

"Cooperatives touch every aspect of American life in every corner of our land," Dr. Carol S. Greenwald, president of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank (NCCB) recently commented. NCCB, itself a cooperative, is financing Phase II of the Rehabilitation Program for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. "What once was a rural and agricultural phenomenon is now everywhere—it knows no demographic line or regional limit and it is more American

ROCK AT UTOPIA

Silencer and Sterkx are the two rock bands that will make their debut at the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center's Utopia Theater on Friday, Oct. 8, at 8:15 p.m.

Performers of Silencer are Doug Neumann, guitarist; Devin Zucconi, vocalist John Cohen, drummer; John Beall, guitarist; and Mike Derdeyne bass guitarist. The band members, all Greenbelters, have played together one-and-one-half years at private parties and Greenbelt American Legion functions. They hope to perform in night clubs in several months. Their music style is the "heavy metal" sound of Rush, Billy Squire, Michael Schenker, and the Rolling Stones. Some of the numbers are "Spirit of Radio", "Lonely is the Night", "Feels Like a Good Thing", and "Are You Ready to Rock?".

Sterkx is also a five-piece rock band that includes Dave Spencer, Craig Sterkx, Darnie Olverson, Cris Purcuss, and Lorie Price. This young group of Eleanor Roosevelt graduates has played together six months and is making its first stage appearance at the Cultural Arts Center. The music of Black Sabbath, Rush and Sammy Hagar will dominate its repertoire.

than apple pie," Greenwald explained. No city more clearly illustrates the influence of cooperatives than Greenbelt.

Red Cross Blood Bank

There will be a Red Cross Blood Bank at Greenbelt Post No. 136, the American Legion, Greenbelt Road, on Monday, October 4 from 1-7 p.m. Volunteers may

drop in any time, but if an appointment is desired call 345-0136 or 794-6143.

Anyone aged 17 through 65 may donate blood every eight weeks. There is a critical need for type O blood.

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WELCOME TO GHI

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Weekly rehab information meetings are held on Mondays from 5-6:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. The purpose of these meetings is to provide information about all aspects of the Rehab Program. GHI staff are present to answer questions and information sheets are available for members. Meetings will be held on the following Mondays:

OCTOBER 4 - THIS IS THE LAST PRE-CONVERSION MEETING.

Meetings on energy conservation for those converted to electric heat are held once a month on the second Wednesday at 8 p.m. These meetings feature a speaker from PEP-CO. In October, the meeting is scheduled for the following day:

OCTOBER 13 - THIS IS THE LAST POST-CONVERSION MEETING.

Starting in November, we will have a series of energy-management workshops. A schedule will be announced shortly.

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Recollections and Reflections



Thursday, September 30, 1982

GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

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Our Greenbelt Pioneers

Featured on the following pages are our Greenbelt Pioneers — their recollections of moving to Greenbelt and setting up both housekeeping and a new town. Scattered among their reminiscences are some reflections.

We have added a few pictures and reprints of early newspaper articles.

Chester Draper

**Resettlement Administration
Regional Engineer; 2nd in charge
of construction**

I was involved in the Greenbelt project from the very beginning until I was transferred in December, 1936 to West Virginia. I knew Rexford Tugwell very well. He took a great personal interest in everything going on in Greenbelt and would frequently call up around 3 in the afternoon to say he would be coming out. We would visit the sites where construction was underway.

One day we were out at the site where the disposal plant was to be built and I told Tugwell that there was a place nearby that could easily be turned into an attractive lake, with just a little riprapping and a small dam. We looked at the area and he said to go ahead, and when I said I would need some written authority, he wrote me a note.

When Greenbelt was being built, it was divided up in to sections, and my section was the commercial center and the school, in addition to the lake. Everything that could be done by hand was, in order to provide employment. We had 5,800 skilled tradesmen working for us in the summer of 1936 and a lot of unskilled workers.

Business was very competitive in those days and the different companies were always coming up with new products to try out. Lots of the things that became common in the construction industry were first tried out here.

Louis Couchoud

73-F Ridge Road

In 1936 I came to Greenbelt as a plumber with the Resettlement Administration. Franklin D. Roosevelt was President then. I can tell you the exact spot on Crescent Road where FDR shook hands with me and some co-workers. I remember his long cigarette holder, battered hat and friendly smile. At that time I was living in the District of Columbia.

In order to get to Greenbelt, which then was a beautiful wilderness, I took a train from Union Station to Beltsville, where a truck met us (the workers) and took us to Greenbelt. I remember working on the Center, also

Tugwell would call up and say that he was going to bring out someone who was trying to sell something. We would see what they had to offer, try some, and I would make a recommendation on whether or not it was worthwhile; the final decision and the buying was done downtown. Some of these new products that we tried, include threaded copper fittings for water pipes, brass plumbing in the waste system, and the glass blocks used in Center School over some of the doorways and on stairways for a decorative effect. New ways of building laths and concrete roofs were developed here. We had a terrible time when we were working on the roof of the theater. We built a ramp to get the material and concrete up there; we never used any equipment if men could do the job. We didn't use cranes if we could help it.

Along about election time in 1936 the President made one of his visits and we built ramps for his wheelchair so his handicap wouldn't be so obvious. There were ramps to the housing he visited, the center and the school. After he had made his tour, there was a futuristic art exhibit at the school, and then he spoke to everyone—the workers and visitors—on the hill by the school.

It was exciting. I still like to come to Greenbelt; I have friends there.

the houses surrounding it. I remember how the lake was made. Trees were cut down and the stumps were removed by pick and shovel. It was formed into a bowl shape and dammed up on one end. It took a long time for the little stream that ran through it to fill it. Later it was stocked with fish.

About that time I met a girl who has been my wife for forty-five years. I told her about the beautiful place I was helping to create, and for years both of us had a dream of returning to Greenbelt to live. It was 32 years later that our dream came true.

I am very proud that I had a small part in making Greenbelt possible.

25 Families Ready to Move To Greenbelt

(The following article is reprinted from the Washington Post, October 1, 1937.)

The Farm Security Administration has found 25 families "model enough" to become the first residents of Greenbelt, Md., the Government's \$14,227,000 model community 12 miles from Washington.

The families are at liberty to move into the new homes today or tomorrow, although their rent—averaging 5.90 per room — will not begin until Friday.

They will be joined in two or three weeks by 25 neighbors, and other selections will be made at regular intervals until all 385 Greenbelt family units are filled.

A cross-section view of the first 25 selections, released yesterday from FSA offices, shows that the typical head of the family in Greenbelt will be between 21 and 29 years of age, have two children, make between \$1,600 and \$1,900 a year, and be a Federal Government employee.

20 Months Behind Schedule
One of the most controversial projects begun by the late Resettlement Administration, Greenbelt is 20 months behind schedule in opening and is an investment on which the Government cannot expect to get its money back for more than 100 years.

Hazel Mae Ashley

**1-G Gardenway, formerly
Winter Haven, Florida**

My husband, three children—Lynn, Dorna and Edward, and I were the first family to move to Greenbelt. We arrived in September, 1937. The electricity was turned on the next day, so we used candles that first night. Mr. and Mrs. Braden came in the next day to call. Our back yards came together. In the eight houses (four on each side) in our court lived the town manager (Braden), mayor, two councilmen, and we were the first family.

The Cooperator

Scattered through the following eight pages, the reader will find references to the Cooperator.

For those who left town during the early years and for those who are recent arrivals the name Cooperator was changed to News Review in order to clarify the independent status of this newspaper.

—Editor



3—(Roosevelt & Tugwell in touring car) "I remember President Roosevelt (and Rexford Tugwell) coming out to Greenbelt in a touring car — top down." — J. Walsh Barcus

"Greenbelt was one of the important achievements of Franklin Roosevelt's administration. He was the founding father. To me he was a great President. He put people back to work and gave the needy homes to live in."

—Eva Howey

Louise Steinle Winker

**56-H Crescent Road, formerly
College Park, Maryland**

The story of our moving to Greenbelt in September of 1937 began in Nebraska in the worst days of the depression. My father had been out of work for three years and we had been living on what he could make from odd jobs and the kindness of relatives and friends. In early 1935, as a veteran, he was offered employment as a guard at the Smithsonian Institution. The family followed six months later by bus. When my parents heard about Greenbelt, they decided to apply for residence because we met the criteria. My father's salary at that time was \$1200 a year.

I remember taking what seemed like a forever drive to Greenbelt to look at a model home. It was the house we moved into a short time later, furnished in "Greenbelt Furniture," beautifully simple in the Danish style. The colors were bright, and I even remember the dishes on the dining table were in different colors for each place setting. We were living in cramped quarters in two upstairs rooms, where my brother and I slept on army cots, which we folded and put under our parents' bed during the day. In Greenbelt I would have my own room, and my brothers would have a large room to share. And best of all we would no longer have to share a bathroom with three or four other families.

We moved into Greenbelt in late September. I remember helping my mother with the dishes that night, and feeling the excitement she felt at having her own clean place, we had been living with roaches and mice.

While the moving van was being unloaded, the distribution agent for the Washington Star offered my older brother the first paper route in Greenbelt. His territory would be all the occupied homes in the new town.

Mother and Dad had bought each of us children a riding toy—my big brother got a two-wheel bike, his first; I got a scooter and my little brother got a tricycle.

We had not been able to have anything like that before. The rent in Greenbelt was far less than we had been paying in D.C. Mother bought new Greenbelt furniture, which she was able to pay for on monthly installments as part of the rent.

Stores

When we moved in, there were no stores open and the school was not finished enough for us to begin classes. Shopping was a problem, but soon the grocery store opened and what a thrill that was. We were used to the stores where you gave your list to the grocer and he piled the items on the counter. This new store was self-service with carts and it was an exciting experience to walk up and down the aisles and see all of the cans and jars. The meat department was still a place where you stood in line and told the butcher what you wanted, but it was the most modern store we had ever seen. When the drug store opened, they gave free ice cream cones to everyone.

Center School

The opening of school brought an end to our extended vacation. I remember walking from our home to the school, through the underpass, through the Center and on to the school. The sidewalk from the center to the school was not complete. We waded through the mud and were

See WINKER, p. 12, col. 1

We Pioneers

(The following column is reprinted from the first issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator, November 24, 1937.

We did not arrive in Greenbelt after long, tiresome miles by covered wagon; nor did we find this place by chance. We were not first to gaze upon this spot of ground; nor did we cut down trees in order to build our homes. Nor is it necessary to clear the land to plant our crops, that we may eat; nor dig a well, that we may quench our thirst.

Yet, we are pioneers — of a new way of living! We are the sculptors handling the soft, yielding clay of a community. What form shall we mold out of it?

This project has given most of us an opportunity we'd never anticipated. We are in the process of creating homes! Our families and our children will live under laws of our own making. Only in our fondest and most youthful dreams have we imagined such a chance. What will be make of it?

Let us make good laws — wise laws, and not too many of them. Let us keep ourselves, our community, our city government, our ideals, as clean as our own, new, windswept roofs. Let us conduct ourselves and the management of our Greenbelt in such a way as to deserve the pride with which all America will be looking on.

We who have been endowed with the greatest heritage on earth by our ancestors, still have that hardiness and determination underneath. Greenbelt will be a success, with the cooperation of her citizens and with the help of God. We will have proved ourselves — we pioneers!

— by Mary E. Van Cleve

LETTER TO THE STAR

Erroneous Implications In Greenbelt Editorial

To the Editor of The Star:

... Perhaps you may be interested in correcting some of the erroneous implications of your latest editorial about Greenbelt, in which in your usual rollicking good humor, you refer to Greenbelt as "the Eden of the New Age."

Dr. Linden S. Dodson, whose proposed "stay-at-home week" was the springboard of your latest declamation, made the suggestion, not, as you state, that we should cease "organizing details of (our) own and (our) neighbors' lives," but for wiser reasons.

We who live in Greenbelt, assembled from Washington's disorganized suburban communities, or worse still, from Washington itself, where home life was little more than the complement of business life, have learned that in an integrated community, where people are willing and eager to work together, much useful social work can be accomplished. Not just organizing each other, as your editorial states, but, for example, successfully backing needed milk legislation for Prince Georges County, as our Citizen's Association did; finding employment for some of our citizens who lose their jobs as our Employment Committee is doing; helping needy neighbors in Berwyn, as our Scout troop has done, organizing our own stores as co-operatives, so that we can have the profit instead of some one in New York or Chicago; developing a recreational program, as our Athletic Association is doing; making something worth while out of simple skills and in-

clinations, as our Hobby Club is doing; protecting our health, as our group health plan is doing—our finances, as our credit union is doing; offering our citizens the opportunity to continue their education in night school courses, as our Education Committee is doing.

This list merely taps the surface—if you don't believe it, pay us a visit some time—but perhaps it will indicate that we are concerned with more than "organizing each other." Of course, finding that there is much to do in an integrated community, we have overdone. We haven't wanted to miss anything, and many a Greenbelter has been going at top speed since arriving here, not because he has been "regimented," but because he has been set free.

Dr. Dodson saw that we have been working too hard, going too fast—that is why he urged a week without meetings. The suggestion was received by our citizens in the good spirit in which it was made. The Star would have done well to have shared that spirit.

We in Greenbelt have learned that, though as individuals we are feeble, as a group we have power. We have learned the significance and potentiality of united social action—and what greater lesson must our people learn if our democracy is to survive?

If The Star and other Washington newspapers would endeavor to see the significance of this town, and not use it as a political football, as a target for thrusts at an administration they oppose, they would find that they have been scorning a development which holds more for the future of democracy than all the impassioned utterances that will ever decorate their papers.

Democracy will grow not from your saying things, but from people doing things.

WALTER R. VOLCKHAUSEN
December 9, 1938

Editor's note—The Star is glad to publish Mr. Volckhausen's factual criticisms of the editorial in question, which was not printed with any intent to minimize the accomplishments of the Greenbelt community.

Ed and Annie Halley

62-B Crescent Road

We moved to 62-B Crescent Road on October 25, 1937. We were to have been one of the first 25 families to move in, but had just paid a month's rent on our apartment in Washington and had to wait till the 25th. We were given a key to our new home, and we came out all that month to have another look, clean a little more and try to decide how to arrange things.

Our car broke down on moving day on the way to Greenbelt and the moving van had to push us. We already had friends here as we had met the Eshbaugh's when we were trying to choose a house, and we liked each other right away.

There were so few children in school that Eddie was allowed to start kindergarten early. Ed played softball and tennis and was on the committee that organized the Community Church. I helped establish the church nursery and became church secretary. We met at Center School for a long, long time.

Ed joined a wood working class, and one evening before he got home from work, I opened the paper (this was in November) and there was a picture of Ed—making me a fireplace for Christmas. He had noticed the photographer but hadn't thought anything about it, and certainly hadn't known he was going to spoil my surprise... but it was a wonderful present.

We still live in the same house and have a lot of our first Greenbelt friends.

Lorraine Mullen Nuzzo

12-G Ridge Road

I have lived in Greenbelt since November 1, 1937, as our family was the 13th to move in.

My teenage plus years here have been happy days. Having Mrs. Roosevelt looking in our window in the early days, being an airplane spotter on the roof of the movie house during the war, going to Catholic Church in apartments and then in the movie house before the church was built, riding bikes on Route 1 on Saturday to Mt. Rainier, using my parent's street car passes on Sundays for a movie in Hyattsville and then going to the Hot Shoppes for ice cream. Baby sitting (25c an hour), was the way to earn money if you were a girl.



Eddie Halley rides a prize winning float made by his father displaying models of Greenbelt Houses in the 1938 Town Fair Parade.
— photo by Ed Halley

Dorma Ashley Dealing

1-G Gardenway, formerly Forestville, Maryland

My brother and I transferred from Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, to Bladensburg High School. In March after semester break, Greenbelt High School was opened and we immediately transferred as the temporary school bus service that had been provided to Bladensburg was terminated. The twelfth grade class that year consisted of five graduates—four boys and myself.

Greenbelt (Franklin D. Roosevelt's Tugwell Town) was planned with children in mind. Plenty of playgrounds and underpasses for traffic safety. Money was scarce in every household — remember, the depression—but we roller skated, played all types of ball and enjoyed the social hall lo-

cated behind the service station, dancing to records and playing ping pong.

I feel I was privileged to have spent many of my formative years in a beautiful and growing town, enjoying my life with friends I have never lost contact with, although geographically, we are many miles apart.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographs in this section that are not otherwise identified were made available to the News Review by the Greenbelt Library from the Tugwell Room collection through the assistance of Betty Allen. Six very large prints were rephotographed for this issue by News Review staff photographer J. Henson.

Jasper's

In the Spirit of Fun

Salutes

Greenbelt's Pioneers

University Square Apartments

Wishes to Congratulate
Greenbelt

on its

45TH ANNIVERSARY

as the City Commemorates the
100th Year of the Birth
of Franklin D. Roosevelt



THE LERNER COMPANIES

This special section, "Recollections, Reflections, and Reminiscences," was prepared by News Review staff members:

Sandra Barnes
Rena Boscov
Dorothy Lauber
Leta Mach
Mary Lou Williamson



10—(Swimming Pool) "Then there was the pool - that was something special. You could buy a family pass for \$5.00 and that entitled the whole family to free admission for the entire season." — June Hammersla Franklin

June Hammersla Franklin

2-J Gardenway, formerly
Adelphi, Maryland

We moved to Greenbelt in January, 1938, when I was 10 years old. That day I met my first boyfriend and I thought that Greenbelt was going to be a great place to live. In all those years (ten) of coming and going I don't ever remember locking our doors. I didn't even have a key.

I started my new school that next week, finishing the 5th grade. I had come from a school that graded with A, B, C and D to Greenbelt, which was called a "progressive school" and graded satisfactory and unsatisfactory. and where the teacher would read us stories and have us act them out. I'm not sure how I would rate that experiment, but it did take away that fine edge of competition, blunted the drive for excellence and, I personally feel, shaped a lot of mediocrity.

The school plant, however, was a marvel to me having come from an old, traditional type building. We had large, bright rooms, with a big, fully-equipped gym, and we had the town library right in our school. I made much use of it over the years.

I wasn't in town long when the Girl Scouts had a recruitment drive and I remember attending my first "pot luck." Well, I joined the scouts and we had a great, active club. Our small den met every week at a different house (sampling different refreshments) and we love it. I believe the troop leader's name was Mrs. Carroll.

The sidewalks that wound around and went down through underpasses were great for skating the trails through the woods and around the lake were great for biking and there was one hill that went from Crescent Road down to the lake that was great for sledding.

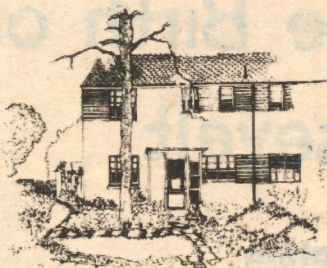
The theater was used for many things besides movies—although I saw many a movie there from the early ones through "Gone With the Wind" (which we were let off from school to view), the Andy Hardy series, war movies and Mrs. Miniver series. The

theater was also a church, the little theater group put on plays there and one Saturday night in '39 or '40 the University of Maryland staged a pep rally. I can see them now with their bulky sweaters with the big letters on them and their megaphones. I could hardly wait till I was old enough.

Then there was the pool — that was something special. You could buy a family pass for \$5 and that entitled the whole family to free admission for the entire season. Every year over the Labor Day weekend, we had a pool pageant with races, diving contests and a water ballet. I was a mermaid in the ballet. We practised all summer, learning how to swim without splashing, to synchronize all our strokes, and to make pin-wheels. We all dressed like Esther Williams in black suits with white caps. One of our songs was always "Glow Worm" D Dungan, of the Recreation Department, was our instructor of the ballet and Ben Goldfaden another prime mover of the pageant.

There is so much more — the year I was 12 I won first prize for my Toll House cookies at the Town Fair; the Greenbelt policemen whom we considered our friends, especially Buddy Attick; the high school path that wound down by the lake to Greenbelt high school; the Center as the center of our social life. The high school hangout was the drug store where we dropped in every day after school to have a lemon, cherry, chocolate, or vanilla coke —the "in" thing.

It was a great place to be a child and a youth. There were so many things to do and you had so many friends to do them with.



Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) joins the celebration of Greenbelt's 45th anniversary and President Franklin D. Roosevelt's centennial.

GHI, now in its 30th year, is the housing cooperative serving the original homes built during President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Administration.



WELCOME TO GREENBELT'S 45th ANNIVERSARY

Franklin D. Roosevelt Centennial Greenbelt High School Class Reunion

All residents are urged to meet and greet the many former residents returning to Greenbelt this weekend to celebrate the City's 45th Anniversary, the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's birth and re-union of all classes attending Greenbelt High School, 1938-51.

A special welcome is extended to all the former Greenbelters returning to the City this weekend to participate in the celebration. We salute all who helped make GREENBELT GREAT.

-- PROGRAM --

All Greenbelt Residents, former residents, families and friends are invited to attend all events, except those marked by an asterisk (*) which are by invitation only.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1982

7:00 p.m. *RECEPTION FOR FIRST FAMILIES - In the Municipal Building - Council Rm (Hosted by Greenbelt Homes, Inc.)

7:30 p.m. 45th ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER-DANCE "Twas Only Yesterday" (Sponsored by Greenbelt Lions and Lion Belles) Master of Ceremonies -

Jerry Gough

Audio - Kenny Voigt Listen and dance to the music of the "Big Bands" Jitterbug and Waltz contests, pictures of yesterday, prizes, refreshments.

(To be held in the old Community Building now known as Center School)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1982

10:00 a.m. WALKING TOUR OF GREENBELT

Led by City Manager James K. Giese, with Ben Rosenzweig and Bill Wilkerson

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. REMINISCENCES AT THE CITY COUNCIL ROOM

Pictures and Memorabilia Early Furniture. Record your Recollections of the Early Days

Meet with Old Friends - - - Make New Friends

2:00-4:00 p.m. TUGWELL ROOM - GREENBELT LIBRARY Meet with the Library's Historian

2:00 p.m. CHILDREN'S MATINEE Greenbelt Theatre "Buck Rogers" and Cartoons

6:00 p.m. *GREENBELT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNION DINNER-DANCE Adult Education Center, University of Maryland

7:00 p.m. MOVIES - Greenbelt Theatre - "The City" — Short Feature about Greenbelt. "The Lady Vanishes" - An Early Hitchcock Film

DESSERT and COFFEE

Co-Sponsors - Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center; Greenbelt Clergy Association SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1982

2:00 p.m. "LET'S GET TOGETHER AGAIN" - Master of Ceremonies - Sherrod East - Member of First City Council

GREENBELT CONCERT BAND AT THE LAKE PARK with HOT DOG ROAST and, of course, INTRODUCTIONS AND SPEECHES. Co-Sponsored by Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

In case of inclement weather, this event will be held at the Youth Center

Forty-five years have passed since the first families moved into the new Town of Greenbelt and 100 years since the birth of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It was during his Administration that the new Greenbelt towns were founded, providing jobs for thousands and low-cost housing for hundreds of families.

A thriving community today, Greenbelt is home to over 17,000 people and surrounded by million dollar developments. No longer a small isolated community, Greenbelt has yet retained much of its early character. A friendly town, its citizens still meet, still fight for their "green belt," and still become heatedly involved in every issue.

The Mayor and City Council are proud to welcome back citizens of yesterday, their children and grandchildren.

Under the guidance of the Roosevelt Commemoration Committee, Greenbelt now honors Roosevelt's contribution to and personal interest in Greenbelt, while at the same time, celebrating its 45th Anniversary.

Numerous individuals, organizations and businesses joined into the effort and have contributed significantly to its success.

Coincidentally, a group of graduates of Greenbelt High School have organized for Saturday evening, a gala multiple reunion of all classes graduating during its existence, 1938 to 1951. The high school, built by the federal government to serve the new community, became a junior high school in 1951 and a middle school in 1981.

Not only will many former Greenbelters be returning for this reunion, but also many former residents of surrounding areas who attended the high school.

Greenbelt is proud of this community effort and welcomes all Greenbelt residents, families and friends to participate in the activities, to meet with old friends and to make new ones, and in remembering "yesterday," to look toward the future.

Roosevelt Commemoration Committee
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Sandra Barnes Dorothy Lauber
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Al Herling Suzanne Plogman

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Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor Pro tem
Richard R. Pilski Edward V. T. Putens
Thomas X. White



4—(Furniture-table and chairs)—“One of the first things we had had to do when we moved to Greenbelt was to buy furniture as the children no longer fit in their cribs and we had never had much to begin with. We chose the amber maple and still have some. It was built so well.”

— Peg and Joe Loftus

Adele Trumbule

9-E Ridge Road, formerly
Hyattsville, Maryland

My husband came to Washington in 1937 to work for the Bureau of Engraving as a clerk. He left me and our six-month old son in Pittsburg, Kansas, while he tried out the job and decided that Washington area was a suitable place to raise a family. Since things looked promising, we moved east.

Many landlords were hostile to the idea of Greenbelt and resented losing their tenants to the new town. Ours was different and one Sunday she asked us if we would like to drive out and see it. We came and were really impressed with what we saw. The houses were lovely brick units. In May, 1938 we moved into 9-E Ridge, a 1½ bedroom unit. We paid \$30 a month rent and bought some new furniture. We still have the ample Maple bedroom suite, the dark gumwood twin beds and dresser and some miscellaneous pieces. Furniture cost us \$2.50 a month in addition to our rent.

When our second child was born we were offered a bigger house, and we moved to 35-L Ridge Road which was a 2 bedroom unit. They didn't want families to be crowded, so as they grew larger, bigger units were offered. When our fourth child was born we moved into a 3 bedroom unit at 56-C Crescent. Some people complained about all the rules, like having to have your wash in off the line by 4, but we liked the neatness and it was a wonderful place to live.

Edward Trumbule

There was organized softball and other sports. Greenbelt had one of the first lighted fields in Maryland. We had an athletic club that was second to none with about 250 to 300 members. There was no money for entertainment and there would be 300 to 400 people at the ball games most nights. The town was divided into blocks (we were in Block B at 9 Ridge), and the teams were formed from each block. Our block team won the basketball trophy in 1939 and it is on display at the Youth Center. There was great competition between the blocks and there was good newspaper coverage of the games.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church was first formed when we lived at 35L Ridge. We had some meetings there but soon began using the Center School, paying the sum of \$2 each week to cover the janitor's services.

Peg and Joe Loftus

11 Ridge, formerly
7-J Crescent Road

When we were married in 1929, we went on a two-week honeymoon. Joe was a brokerage man in Chicago, and had promised his bride not to read the paper while away. When we returned, the stock market was collapsing and people were jumping out of windows. Eventually we had to move in with relatives. Later we moved to Independence, Kansas where we had family and Joe hoped to find work. In 1936 he took a Civil Service Exam and went to Washington, D.C. to work in the General Accounting Office. We saved our money and Joe looked for a suitable place for his family to live.

A friend told him about Greenbelt and the ideas involved in its construction. As soon as he saw it, he signed up. We lived on hope, kept up an active correspondence, and answered the questionnaires they sent us from the Planning Office about what we expected, what we had to offer the community, how we would participate. Finally in the spring of 1938, the children and I began our journey by train, stopping in Chicago to see my mother and arrange for our household goods to be taken out of storage and shipped.

One of the first things we had had to do when we moved to Greenbelt was to buy furniture as the children no longer fit in their cribs and we had never had much to begin with. We chose the amber Maple and still have some, it was built so well.

Greenbelt was a wonderful experience. I didn't know too much about housekeeping and everyone was very kind. I joined a quilting group made up mostly of ladies from 11 court Ridge. Ethel Reagan from the Extension Service taught us quilting. We made one quilt and then another, till each of us had one. There was gardening, Bud Zoelner was very helpful with those of us who didn't know what to do. And then we would also go down to the market and buy bushels of vegetables and can them together.

When our family grew larger, we moved to 7-J Crescent. We feel we were very blessed to be able to raise our family here.



5—(Furniture - living room)—“We . . . bought some new furniture. We still have the amber maple bedroom suite, the dark gumwood twin beds and dresser and some miscellaneous pieces. Furniture cost us \$2.50 a month in addition to our rent.” — Adele Trumbule

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7—(Construction) "Everything that could be done by hand was, in order to provide employment. We had 5,800 skilled tradesmen working for us in the summer of 1936 and a lot of unskilled workers." — Chester Draper

J. Walsh Barcus

54-C Crescent, formerly
2-T Gardenway

After graduating from Washington College and then teaching one year at Briarly Military Academy, Ammdendale, Maryland, I came to work on the construction project at Greenbelt.

I passed a Civil Service clerical exam in Washington and received an appointment in June 1936 as "payroll clerk—time keeper." I was assigned several groups of workers. Duties of the time keeper included meeting trains from Baltimore and Washington in the morning and issuing buttons to the arriving workers before they got on trucks to ride into Greenbelt.

There were three different colored buttons—white for laborers, yellow for semi-skilled, and red for skilled workers. Each group was authorized a specific number of hours each month.

We also checked the workers assigned to us twice a day on the job.

I recall three groups. One group dug the basements in the 1-court Gardenway. These men dug the dirt with hand shovels. Another group poured concrete for the floorings in the apartments on Parkway. Concrete was poured in buckets or carts with wheels that these men pushed to the first, second or third floors as they poured that floor. A third group consisted of the stone masons who laid the riprap on the face of the dam.

While keeping records on the stone masons I remember a measuring stick about center of the dam and perhaps fifty feet from the dam that was read regularly to determine the rate at which water was rising in the lake.

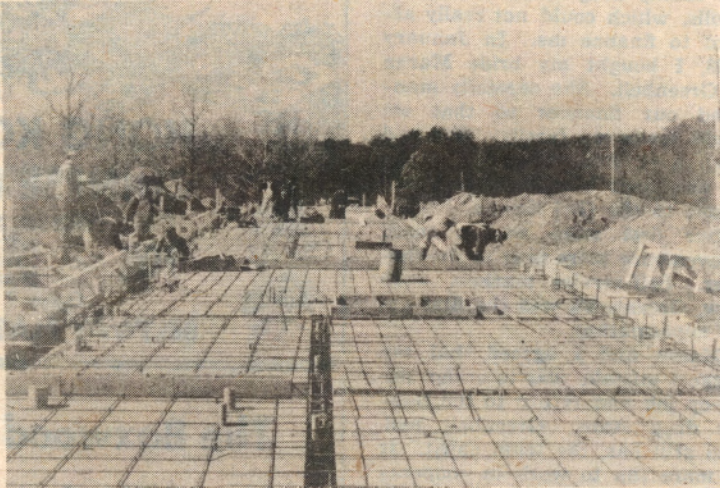
I remember President Roosevelt coming out in a touring car, top down, and pouring the first fish in the lake.

I remember, too, that I drove a 1935 Plymouth that my father had given me to work and the motor was literally red from the

Helen Brown

8-O Hillside, formerly
11-G Southway

My husband and I and our sons Kenneth and Roger moved to Greenbelt in May 1942. Our doctor got us a place out here because our youngest son was poorly and he needed a healthier place to live. My husband drove a cab and we qualified for housing, but the main reason for coming was to give our son better conditions. Life in Greenbelt was lovely. We had a lovely home with a pretty living room, separate dining room, nice kitchen and even a garage—all for only \$32.50 a month. And that's the way it was for a long time.



6—(Construction—single building) "One group of workers dug the basements. These men dug the dirt with hand shovels. Another group poured concrete for the floorings. . . . Concrete was poured in buckets or carts with wheels that these men pushed to the first, second or third floor as they poured that floor." — J. Walsh Barcus

red clay powdery dirt on the project. And when it rained, the red powder turned to slush.

I left the project in the spring of 1937 to seek more permanent employment. Then in December, 1937, returned with my bride-to-be to apply for a home in Greenbelt. We were told to return and make application after we were married. We moved into 54-C Crescent Road in March 1938.

One example of the blessings bestowed upon us as residents of Greenbelt—I was drafted in 1944. We had two boys. I went down to the rental office and notified them that I was being drafted. They changed my rent on the two-bedroom house at 1B Eastway from eighty dollars a month to thirty-two dollars a month. My wife was able to stay in Greenbelt with the two boys until I returned about fourteen months later.

(The eighty dollars a month was based on my income. At this time they raised one's rent as salary went up rather than forcing you to move.)

Sherrod East

33-L Ridge, formerly
Gaithersburg, Maryland

When President Roosevelt toured Greenbelt before it opened, he was driven right up to the three model units at 33 L, M and N. Ridge. They were all furnished with Greenbelt furniture, and ramps had been built up to the doorways so he could go inside and see what the housing was really like. Later, when we moved in late in October 1937, these units were ready to rent and we were given 33-L. In April, 1939 our second daughter, Kathleen, was the first baby to be born in the Greenbelt Hospital.

Greenbelt was the beginning and end of my political ambitions. The first two town councils were elected for one year only, as the charter specified. However, after the town was fully occupied in 1939, the town council was elected for two year terms. At that point, the Hatch Act was passed, and while I had been elected, I could not stay in office. Later on the Civil Service Commission issued regulations so federal employees could run in local elections as nonpartisan candidates, and at that time, I came back on council.

When Greenbelt's first residents moved in, there was a family income limit of \$2,000. When my income rose about that level, we had to move out of the original housing but we were able to live within the city limits by moving to the Washburn place which was located where the Beltway Plaza Klein's store later was built. We stayed there for ten years and later returned to 33M Ridge Road. The income limits were removed when the war housing was built and that is why we were able to return. It also had become apparent that you couldn't have a stable, planned community if everybody had to move out when their income reached \$2,000, that you needed a mixture of incomes. We were very much involved in the struggle to get the graduated income level.

I was the first vice president of the Co-op and president of the Greenbelt Players. My wife and I bought the curtains for the (Utopia) Theater. Greenbelt was a beautifully planned town, but it was the people that made it work.

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9—(Swimming in the lake 1938) "When the lake first opened, there was an area roped off for swimming . . . (later) the lake was declared polluted and no swimming was allowed." — Louise Steinle Winker

Richard Benson

6-F Ridge Road

I arrived here in the summer of 1938 in a model T Ford. I was 16 then, now am 60. Square dancing was held every Friday or Saturday night, as I recall. The schottisch was a popular dance. The town offices were above the Ben Franklin store. I went there to see town manager Roy Braden in a futile attempt to be allowed to keep a dog. No pets were allowed, even goldfish.

Greenbelt was truly encircled by greenery. North of Northway Road was all woods, practically the jumping off place. Eastward, on the old Glenn Dale Road was mostly forest with a few fields. Southward was Schrom's airport, just west of where the Greenway Shopping Center now is. I worked for the legendary Fritz Schrom for a year, 1939-40, after graduating from high school — spinning propellers on the light planes, Piper Cubs mostly. Bought another Model T near there from Tom Poston, the actor and a fellow student at high school.

The American Legion was an old farmhouse then. To the east of it were garden plots and woods. Greenbelt road did not exist in the form it does now. The old road snaked along where the Park Police station is now, to Berwyn Heights, Branchville and the old DC Transit trolley line. We had a cute little shuttle bus

from the street cars (as they were known) to Greenbelt.

Greenbelt was sometimes referred to as "the settlement" in those days, a term we didn't like. The small local news sheet was the Cooperator. I once chatted briefly with the well-tanned Rexford Tugwell. Saw FDR at a distance at least three times, once at Union Station when some of us boys played hookey to see him greet the English King and Queen.

On Pearl Harbor day, we young men gathered as if by instinct at the Center. Nothing much was said, but we were pensive, wondering what was coming next. All the console radios of the day stood on four spindly legs. I had the exclusive right to install "officially approved" antennas. Also, everyone had wooden kitchen drainboards. We boys did a brisk business in sanding and revarnishing them.

Linda Dove

6-M Hillside, formerly University Hills, Maryland

We moved into Greenbelt on October 11. We had been living in an old house in the Mt. Rainier-Hyattsville area and after we answered all the questionnaires they sent us, an inspector came out to see what kind of housekeeper I was. She even looked for fingerprints on the doors. Bob had been working on the construction of Greenbelt, but to qualify for a house, he had to resign and find another job. Later Roy Braden let him come back to work after we had lived here for a while.

Those were good days — we made so many good friends and living in Greenbelt was almost like belonging to a country club. We had exercise classes, tennis and softball teams. The women would go out and exercise like mad, then come up to the drug store and have hot fudge sundaes. Lots of times I would put Bill and Bobby in our red wagon, and they would play in the sand box and I would play softball. Ben Goldfaden was our coach.

It was great living. We had gardens and were always getting together with friends. I must have made two or three cakes a week. I took the boys back to our old church the first Sunday, but after that we went to the Protestant service at Center School. The Boys' Club and Scouts formed, and the band. Our boys couldn't join the band because their father worked in Greenbelt.

Greenbelt will always be like home to me.

Dottie Herbert Graves

Greenbelt

We moved to Greenbelt in November, 1939. We had heard so many things about Greenbelt, some not true. We heard the windows were so high, that you would have to stand on a chair to see outside. Also, the movie theater closed at 7 p.m., and you could not leave clothes on the line after 5 p.m. If you did, the police would come around and take them down.

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Bob Jacobsen

First Resident Manager
Co-op Stores Organizing Team

In the depth of the Great Depression, Toyohiko Kagawa, a Japanese Christian, came to the U.S. as a missionary urging us to set up consumer cooperatives as democracy in the economic field. Edward Filene, a Boston merchant, U.S. promoter of credit unions and visionary of a national chain of consumer cooperatively-owned department stores, furnished one million dollars to set up Consumer Distribution Corporation, whose first projects under Flint Garrison and Herbert Evans, were the co-op stores in Greenbelt, Greenhills and Greendale.

Evans, a big man in more ways than one, hired me at \$25 a week to manage the first coop drug store. Our office was in the Hay-Adams House at 16th and H. My wages did not cover my expenses, so I had to borrow money from my family drug stores in Minneapolis, which could not really afford to finance me. In January 1938, I bought my bride Marna to Greenbelt. She carefully managed our finances so that we could repay my family. She had been a physical education teacher and used her skills to teach dance to the Girl Scouts.

Our first store was a small convenience store next to the theater. Self-service markets were new, Greenbelt's was the first co-op supermarket.

Marna and I agreed that my biggest mistake was to resign my co-op job and return to the family drug store. Greenbelt had and still has, the team spirit. It is more fun to work in cooperative ventures than to constantly compete. We tried to give "parent-service," to give our consumer members the same honest service, we would give to our parents. The press criticized the Greenbelt experiment as "communitistic." Residents disagreed, appreciated the opportunity to be heard in town and co-op meetings.



"We had an athletic club that was second to none with about 250 to 300 members. There was no money for entertainment and there would be 300 to 400 people at the ball games most nights."



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Gladys Braden and Eleanor Roosevelt at the Defense Rally at Center School.

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— Delpha McCarl Buese

"At Center School, my husband Robert shook hands with Mrs. Roosevelt. He was in first aid, helping those who were hurt on the job . . . and later was maintenance man at Center School." — Eva Howey

— photo by C. M. Howell

First Lady Makes Surprise Visit Here

(The following article is reprinted from the Cooperator, December 15, 1937)

Mrs. Roosevelt's Syndicated Article Describes Latest Projects In Town

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt spent an interesting day in Greenbelt Thursday. She came unannounced and quietly went about the community with Dr. Will W. Alexander, administrator of the Farm Security Administration.

She delved into every project set up in the community and compared conditions here with what she had found on a previous visit last Spring. Working like an experienced investigator, she didn't rely upon guidance from anyone but went directly to the town personnel and those particular agencies in which she is interested.

Mrs. Roosevelt called at the consumer-owned cooperative store, where she discussed merchandising problems with Manager Templeman.

Introduced to Community Manager Roy S. Braden, and Assistant Community Manager O. Kline Fulmer, Mrs. Roosevelt asked for directions to the school. Making mental notes of what she saw, the First Lady had enough "live news" within two hours to turn out her syndicated column "My Day" which appears in many

dailies throughout the country.

In her column the next day, the First Lady offered this comment: "They have no street lamps as yet to relieve the darkness at night, but they tell me when all the houses are lit up it is most attractive."

Mrs. Roosevelt made inquiries about the landscaping and learned about a WPA gardener who had salvaged an enormous quantity of trees in Greenbelt and established a nursery project for the community. The gardener, she discovered, had once worked on the estates of wealthy gentlemen, in this country and abroad, but found himself out of a job, when the strong tide of depression set in.

With unflinching tact, Mrs. Roosevelt made inquiries about the local transportation problem, and pressed for detailed information regarding "cooperative medicine", or plans for community medical service, based on either a prepayment or a health insurance program.

Taking several copies of the Greenbelt Cooperator with her, Mrs. Roosevelt walked into school classrooms, into one of the homes, (picked at random), and then smiled tolerantly when a Washington Daily News cameraman snapped pictures for an evening edition.

— L.B.

It's Over the Top With Four Jeeps And a Cycle

(Reprinted from the Cooperator, May 14, 1943.)

Four fighting jeeps, the contribution of Greenbelt's Elementary school children to the U. S. Army, will be available for public inspection at the Elementary School on Tuesday afternoon, May 18. Initiated by Group 3, a special drive for the sale of war bonds and stamps from May 3-7 raised \$4018.75 which was used to purchase the army vehicles.

To subscribe this sum the children undertook many odd jobs such as washing windows, cleaning floors, taking grocery orders, running errands, etc.

It is reported that since Oct. 1st the school children have been buying bonds and stamps at an average of \$205 per week.

Names and sponsors are as follows:

Group 1 — "Kitty Jeep", sponsored by Barbara Ann Colliver.

Group 2 — "Greenbelt Eagle", sponsored by David Mellisch.

Group 3 — "Hitler's Headache", sponsored by Leonard Deibert.

Group 4 — "G for Greenbelt", sponsored by Barbara Blondell.

Larry and Betty Brosmer

33-B Ridge Road, formerly Hyattsville, Maryland

We moved into Greenbelt on October 2, with the second group of residents. There was nothing at that time, no street lights, nothing, but it was a beautiful place. We had two boys at the time, 2 and 4 years old, and on December 8 we had a baby girl. We are very grateful for being able to live in Greenbelt and we have lots of happy memories. Our kids all loved it. If we had not outgrown our house, we would have stayed. We feel very fortunate to have been among the people who were able to get housing there.



11—(Newspaper office) "The small local news sheet was the Cooperator." — Richard Benson

Eva Howey

4-C Crescent, formerly Laurel, Maryland

Greenbelt was one of the important achievements of Franklin Roosevelt's administration. He was the founding father. To me he was a great President. He put people back to work and gave the needy homes to live in. President and Mrs. Roosevelt visited Greenbelt. At Center School, my husband Robert shook hands with Mrs. Roosevelt.

When Robert started to work in Greenbelt in 1935, he was in first aid, helping those who were hurt on the job. He also helped build Greenbelt Lake, and later was maintenance man at Center School.

We moved to Greenbelt in July, 1938. I think that was the happiest day of my life. Everything was so new and beautiful. Just to have a home to call our own

was exhilarating.

My husband also worked for Roy Braden under the Public Housing Administration. Robert was in charge of getting all the houses and apartments ready for new tenants. I didn't see so much of him in those days, he worked all day and half the night. But we were happy to have a home and food on the table.

In the early years, Greenbelt didn't have any churches or theaters. Every religious faith held their services in the school. Robert would always be there to set up the chairs. Greenbelt also held their dances in the school, every one had a ball. Robert and I had a concession stand in one of the rooms. We sold hot dogs and soft drinks.

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2—(Center School Frieze) "The sculpted mural on the side of the Center School was one of my favorite things about that school." — Louise Steinle Winker

Louise Steinle Winker

(Continued from page one)

a real mess when we got there. The first day of school there were so few children that we met in the principal's office. (She was Catherine T. Reed, for whom the school on Greenbelt Road in Seabrook is named.)

The school was dedicated to "progressive education" and it was unique in the county school system. At first the high school students met in classes on the second floor, until the high school out at the crossroads of Edmonston and Greenbelt Roads was finished. Every day a new student or two would join our classrooms. By the end of that school year the rooms were beginning to fill up. One of the teachers, first grade, lived in our court in 56-B. Her name was Loretta Alderton.

First Teachers at Greenbelt Center School October 15, 1937

Catherine T. Reed—Principal
Gee L. Kaufman
Maidie K. Craig
Mildred I. Parker
Hulda Bomberger
Loretta Alderton
Ruth Keane—February 1938
Rowena Whittaker "

We did a lot of "hands-on" learning. I remember that in second grade we made a bedroom, all of the furniture, curtains, rug, bedclothes. In third grade we put on a play that we had written ourselves and made all of the tickets, programs, costumes, scenery, etc. It was called "Christopher and the Goldfish," and everyone in the class had a part.

One of the most looked forward to events of each summer was the Town Fair. It took place near the end of August or early September, just before school started. The hub of all the activities was at the Center School. There were displays by local organizations, contests for best produce, flower arrangement, baked goods, canned goods, handsewing, yard, garden and others. One year I won a second prize ribbon for cakes, it was thrilling. My father won the first prize for best yard many years in a row. My mother won flower arrangement prizes.

Some of the other events in-

cluded a play by the Greenbelt Players, concerts by bands, swimming exhibitions of diving, and water ballet, Golden Gloves, square dancing and talent shows. The Fair usually lasted for several days, each with a full schedule.

There were holiday celebrations for the residents. I remember the first Halloween Party with apple bobbing, dancing, refreshments and costumes. At Christmastime, Santa (Allen Morrison) would arrive at the Center and hand out net stockings with an orange, nuts, hard candy, and a small gift. Many people gathered in the Center to sing carols and celebrate.

Greenbelt was a unique place, so many political figures came to visit. It seemed to me as a child that I was always being dragged off to listen to a speech.

The Fourth of July was another big celebration. Everyone would walk to the Lake for picnics, races, games, contests, and of course the big finale of fireworks reflected in the lake. The lake itself brings back many pleasant recollections. There was a path over the dam through the woods to Indian Springs, which was a cool and beautiful spot. There were seats around some of the big trees and picnic tables and three springs of the coolest, clearest water you can imagine. In the summer some of us kids would pack up our lunches and hike to Indian Springs. My girlfriends and I would rent rowboats at the lake for 25c per hour. When the lake was first opened, there was an area roped off for swimming, but later the lake was declared polluted and no swimming was allowed. In the winter when it was cold, we ice skated on the lake and had big bonfires to keep warm. There was a pavilion where the band played and dances were held or one could picnic when the sun was too hot.

Angus MacGregor

The town had a landscape gardener, Angus MacGregor. He and my Dad were best of friends, because my Dad loved to garden. MacGregor was in charge of landscaping the new houses as they were completed and for the maintenance of the common grounds. He was the one who planted all the ornamental apple trees that

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still bloom each spring and the hedges around each yard. Since we had an end unit, there was lots of hedge to clip, and it was kept in beautiful condition. MacGregor liked to bring visitors to our yard to show off his plantings and my father's handiwork.

The opening of the Utopia theater was a big occasion. I remember being first in line with my 10c admission fee every single Saturday of my life for many years. In those days the movie changed several times a week. Of course the Saturday matinee with cartoons, serial, feature film, short subject, March of Time, etc. took all afternoon.

While the building of the brick and block homes in original Greenbelt was taking place, there were many workmen in town. One of my friends and I would make lemonade to sell. Later when the frame homes were being built, I remember taking a walk to look at the new construction in the north end of town. It was a sea of mud and we walked on planks in many places.

The sculpted mural on the side of the Center School was one of my favorite things about that school. During the war we purchased war bonds with every penny of earnings we could get together; our parents helped. As a school we were able to purchase four jeeps with the bond money. One day the army brought the jeeps to the school grounds and all of the children assembled outside to examine them. We had a dedication ceremony and I can remember being caught up in the patriotism between the ceremony and the view of the sculptures on

I felt lucky to grow up in a place with so many opportunities for children and a feeling of security. We still come to the Labor Day Festival and watch the parade. It certainly was the best thing that could have happened to our family at a time when we needed something good to happen.

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I remember going to kindergarten at Center School, roller skating, going to the movies every Saturday for 12c, sitting through "Pinocchio" four times, wearing Shirley Temple dresses, the smell of a new town, the friendliness of all the people, the sugar and gas ration stamps, collecting Japanese beetles during the war for 25c per quart, the water pageant at the Greenbelt pool every summer (nearly everyone in town participated), band practice every Monday evening, marching in parades through town for every holiday, the great deal of patriotism, the emphasis on children and recreation, the first town fair in the Center School, the lake where every summer all of the residents of our court attended a picnic together, walking anywhere in town and knowing exactly where each court was, my father calling everyone by name, the gardens at the American Legion home where Dad and I walked on the old two-lane road to tend the beans and tomatoes, the gold stars in the windows, swimming lessons every summer at the pool, listening to the ra-

dio when I was eight years old to hear that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor, the fights during the council meetings, the year my father stayed out of all the bickering and was the only councilman re-elected, the time I was stopped by the police at the Center for wearing shorts and almost fined \$5.

I remember how proud I was to be the mayor's daughter. When I was 13, Dad gave me the biggest hug and spun me around the room. He had just gathered the most votes and according to tradition, was named mayor.

I remember, too, when the media wasn't so quick with the news. I was 12 years old and Dad had just arrived home from work one evening around 6 p.m. I told him Franklin D. Roosevelt was dead. Dad hadn't heard the news and didn't want to believe me.

Greenbelt and FDR were the answers to a lot of people's prayers in the Thirties. Progress is necessary and the town must grow; nothing remains the same. But the grass is not greener anywhere than it is in the town of Greenbelt.

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Council to Name Center Area For F.D.R. in Commemoration

by Virginia Beauchamp

A resolution was ready before the public hearing on September 20, just prior to the regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council, concerning the much-debated subject of what feature of the landscape or what structure in Greenbelt would be most appropriate to name after the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. But in deference to the opinions of citizens that might be expressed at the hearing that might in some way impact on the deliberations of council, a space was left blank in the resolution for the item that would be so recognized.

As far as the Roosevelt Centennial Committee had been concerned however council had already delayed far too long in reaching agreement. With or without a naming ceremony, plans for the centennial celebration of Roosevelt's birth had already been completed. (See the detailed account in last week's News Review). Only one member of the committee attended the council hearing—city employee Dorothy Lauber, who indicated the committee's "mixed feelings" on whether the lake or the Greenbelt Center mall should be named for FDR. "Both areas are of enough significance," she reported the committee felt. According to Lauber, they agreed that whatever was named for Roosevelt should be "something of considerable size."

This position was disputed by Ann Pisano, who felt that renaming of the Center would be confusing for people. She thought the North End School, which will become a city facility and must in any case be renamed, would be an appropriate structure to name for Roosevelt. The Boxwood Civic Association, in a letter from its president, Joe Isaacs, stated their approval of renaming the Center—an area which "epitomizes time past." "This was a city born of the 30's," the statement read.

One speaker, retired city employee Henry Thurston, objected to the decisions being made by the five council members and not by a vote of all citizens. But Mayor Richard Castaldi insisted that it was too late for any such action. The decision has to be made now, he said.

In effect, when the agenda item at the city council meeting came up concerning the recognition of

Roosevelt's connection with the founding of Greenbelt, council both decided and failed to decide. After suspending the rules to allow for both first and second readings of the resolution, council filled in the blank of the previously worded sentence to read "the Center area of the planned community." Did that mean only the shopping mall? The original Greenbelt community—A and B blocks? Did it include the Center School? The Library? And what specifically was whatever-was-to-be-named going to be called?

Possibly council assumed a description among several options prepared by city staff in preparation for the public hearing:

"Name the center area. One of the significant features of the Greenbelt Plan was the clustering of business, civic, educational and recreational facilities in the center of the planned community with the houses placed in blocks curving around the center. A commemorative sign could be placed at the entrance to Centerway identifying the Roosevelt



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Center and indicating the significance of the area to the original planned community."

Something was said about referring the matters of definition and of choice of name to the Community Relations Advisory Board or (and?) to the Roosevelt Commemoration Committee. Whoever decides, it seemed that Thurston's injunction was prophetic—"not you five."

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The Greenbelt Club was again saddened by the recent death of another loyal member, Margaret "Peg" Baldwin. Peg served the Club as chairman of the Sunshine Committee before her illness.

as class size is limited, or for more information, please call Johnnie at Greenbelt CARES at 345-6660.

TO SAY THANKS: To Cindy for reporting the fire so promptly, to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and all the firemen for responding so quickly and working so diligently, to Jim Giese, City Manager, for his offer of assistance and his concern, to the workers of Capitol Electric Company who unhesitatingly came to our aid and to all the members of GHI who were so tolerant of the inconvenience. Thank you.

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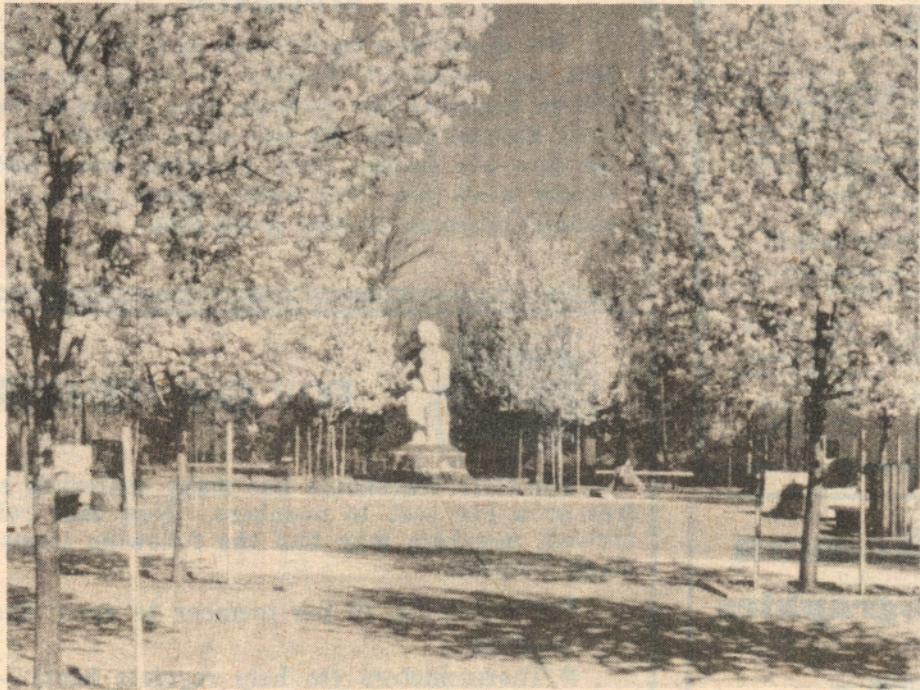
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Greenbelt Being Filmed As "City of the Future"

("The City" will be shown at the Utopia Theater Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The following article, written at the time of filming of this 30 minute documentary, is reprinted from the August 31, 1938 issue of the Cooperator.)

by Vernon Hitchcock

Greenbelt, the eyes of the world are upon you!

When the motion picture, "The City", now under production in Greenbelt, is completed and goes on display at the New York World's Fair, it will, before the Fair is ended, be subject to the praise and criticism of probably fifty million people who will flock into New York from all over the world to visit the Fair.

When American Documentary Films selected Greenbelt as being "representative of the city of the future", they put the town on a mighty pedestal to withstand the scrutiny of the world, and it will take the wholehearted cooperation of every citizen here to maintain that position without bringing a deluge of criticism down upon us.

Willard Van Dyke who, with Roger Barlow, is now photographing the Greenbelt sequences, says that one reel of the planned three-reel production will be devoted entirely to Greenbelt in showing how the world is reaching the stage where the cities are planned in advance and such important items as play space and safety for children are taken into consideration. The other two reels will be series of sequences leading up to the "city of the future". In them will be shown how the growth of industrial developments has slowly blotted out the bright attractive homes of the earlier settlers, and how congested cities have risen in their stead with thought only for ha-

bitat near the scene of activity and with no provision for the welfare of the inhabitants. From there the sequence leads to the great metropolitan centers with their inevitable slums and unhealthy living conditions where innocent children must grow up in an atmosphere of crime and degradation; then the congested, unplanned highways which are in large part responsible for approximately 35,000 traffic fatalities annually.

Then comes the planned highway, designed for the greatest possible safety to driver and pedestrian and, finally the planned city.

In photographing the Greenbelt sequences, Mr. Van Dyke says he is stressing the child angle, showing how the many playgrounds have been provided and how the main streets are designed with the sidewalks leading underneath them, so the child can go out to play, to school or to visit the neighbor without the mother wondering whether it will ever reach home again. The athletic interest and the facilities available are also given consideration, showing that, while the child is adequately provided for, the rest of the community is by no means neglected. The community cooperative medical plan also comes in for its share of attention.

In going about his work, Mr. Van Dyke says he has been very much impressed by the marvelous cooperation given him by the

children of the community. Moving his many pieces of equipment from one setup to another would ordinarily be a problem, but in Greenbelt, he says, there is always a crowd of youngsters on hand eager and willing to help him. In fact, his biggest problem here, he says, is keeping peace among the children when several of them insist on carrying or holding this or that piece of equipment, and in getting them to quit work long enough to go home for lunch.

The photographic work for the entire production will require approximately 45,000 feet of film, according to Mr. Van Dyke. When the trimming is completed, and the scenes are omitted which are unsatisfactory because of faulty photography, lack of interest, etc., and the film reaches the final stage, only 3,000 feet will remain, of which 1,000 feet will be devoted to life in Greenbelt.

MOWATT TO SHOW FILM

The Living Word, a new film produced by World Wide Pictures, will be presented by Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, on Sunday, October 3, at 7:30 p.m. The showing is free and open to the public.

Featuring narration by Billy Graham and Cliff Barrows, the film weaves together Scripture passages, great works of religious art, music, and some color footage filmed in the Holy Land.

NORTH END

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caused by motorcyclists who gather in the vicinity of the Mobil station at Crescent and Gardenway Council directed the city manager to ensure that the police are aware of the disturbances and that they take action to see that residents of that area are not disturbed late at night by unnecessary noise.

Computerized Crime Records

Richard Cripe, a member of the Crime Prevention Committee, appeared before the council to explain a proposed plan for computerization of Greenbelt crime statistics. Cripe alleged that statistics as currently made public are not useful to citizens in their efforts to keep themselves safe from crime. According to Cripe, the proposed computer model would be the first of its kind in Maryland and, possibly, the first in the U.S. The model would be jointly owned by Putens Associates, Inc., a firm operated by Councilman Edward V. J. Putens and the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology of the University of Maryland. Cripe emphasized that the resources of Putens Associates, Inc., would be donated to this project for the first year. Afterwards a charge would be made only for computer time actually used. The council referred the proposal to the staff and the Crime Prevention Committee.

Swim Team Starts Winter Swimming

The Greenbelt Swim Team announces the beginning of another season of winter swimming. Coach Ken Blue and his staff will be on hand at the White Oak Swim Center (at Jackson Road off New Hampshire Avenue) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings starting this Sunday, October 3, and running through April 24, 1983. Swimming will be geared to swim team members, but it is expected that one lane will be set aside for adult swimmers and to run a "beginners swimming class" for future team members.

A full season of swimming is planned, including competition between the participating teams (Greenbelt, Adelphi and Suburban). For further information call Diane Pisano, 474-8342 or Bob Greig, 474-0332.

Among other items taken up by the council was a resolution which sets out policy and procedures for the recognition of employee organizations. According to this resolution, which was introduced for first reading, employee organizations consisting of ten or more members may be officially recognized upon submission of a petition. Official recognition does not include recognition for collective bargaining, which is governed by laws set forth by the City Council or the State of Maryland.

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YARD SALE—7-J Research, Oct. 2, 9-5. Rain date - Oct. 9.

YARD SALE between 14 and 16 Courts Ridge. Oct. 2, from 10 to 2. No early birds. Books, magazines, antiques, freebies.

Genealogical Soc. Meets

The Prince Georges County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, October 6, at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library. Donald Wilson will speak on the topic "Researching and Understanding Colonial Records."

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PARKING LOT SALE: Sat., Oct. 2, 10-3. Tools, jewelry, rubber raft and more. Refreshments. Paint Branch Unitarian Church, 3215 Powder Mill Rd.

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PRUDENTIAL

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The presence of Coakley & Williams spokespersons prompted Councilman Richard Pilski to ask whether the firm had given further thought to putting in something better than the Comfort Inn now proposed for construction. Pilski recalled that Councilman Thomas White had earlier raised this question. (Last April, White expressed to the developers his "lack of excitement" about the Comfort Inn name, which he associated with a "budget" type of lodging. He asked that they upgrade their hotel.)

Christopher Heslin, Vice President-Development with Coakley & Williams, explained to the council that his firm dislikes being involved in what he called "food and beverage operations," such as motel restaurants. In addition, a market survey done for them a couple of years ago showed so much top-of-line and mid-line competition in place or to be built along the Beltway between Routes 1 and 450, that they thought they had better go to the lower end of the scale. Comfort Inn was chosen because of its pricing, its standards of quality and cleanliness, and the fact that an in-building restaurant is not required. Another factor, according to Heslin, was that a Comfort Inn, as a branch of the Quality Inn chain, could later be upgraded to a Quality Inn or even to a Quality Royale.

Heslin told the council that his firm is now going through its own internal debate as to the level of hotel service it should provide at this location. He agreed that the Comfort Inn image might not match up to the image being achieved by the Maryland Trade Center, and that it would be ridiculous to put in a low-line inn that does not match the quality

Flea Market on Saturday

The Cultural Arts Center will hold the first Flea Market in October on Saturday, October 9, from 10-4 p.m. Greenbelt residents can sell housewares, furnishings, crafts, books, games, clothing and jewelry, both new and used. Commercial enterprises are encouraged.

The Flea Market will be held on the mall of the Greenbelt Center shopping Center. Persons interested in renting tables please contact the Pisanos at 474-7841.

of persons who visit the Center. Mayor Pro Tem Gil Weidenfeld urged that the inn be upgraded. He noted that other builders in the past have thanked Greenbelt's city council for encouraging quality development.

Other Items

In other business, the council authorized acceptance of a bid of \$8,640 to sandblast and resurface the city's diving pool. The council also agreed to ask Prince Georges County for Community Development Block Grant funds for the reconstruction of Plateau Place and for the adaptive re-utilization of North End School.

The council considered briefly preliminary staff thoughts on establishment of a nonprofit corporation to deal with public access aspects of Greenbelt's forthcoming cable television system. The new system being installed by Storer Communications will include a channel for community programming. Storer has agreed to make an initial grant of \$10,000 and to contribute one percent of annual gross receipts paid by Greenbelt residents for cable service, to assist in providing such programming. The council directed city staff to develop further specific proposals as to membership and functions of such a nonprofit corporation.



OCTOBER IS CO-OP MONTH IN GHI

During Co-op Month, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) joins other cooperatives throughout Greenbelt and the Nation in recognizing the contributions of cooperatives.

Membership Participation

GHI is collectively owned and operated by and for its members. When people become members of GHI, they receive an equal voice in the operation of the cooperative. Members participate in GHI affairs through voting at annual and special membership meetings, joining GHI committees, and serving in elective offices.

Historic Significance

GHI's variety of moderately-priced homes include one-, two-, three-, or four-bedroom units of masonry or frame construction. The original homes were built over 45 years ago as part of a planned community under the Administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Greenbelt residents formed the cooperative in the early 1950's to buy their homes from the Federal Government. Since its formation, GHI has been one of the largest and best-known housing cooperatives in the world.

Today GHI is undertaking the large-scale rehabilitation of its homes. Financing for much of this program comes from another cooperative, the National Consumer Cooperative Bank. GHI will mark this Co-op Month with the completion of the electric heat and hot water conversion portion of its Rehabilitation Program.

GHI takes this opportunity to thank its members without whose cooperation and support GHI could not continue as a viable housing cooperative.

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